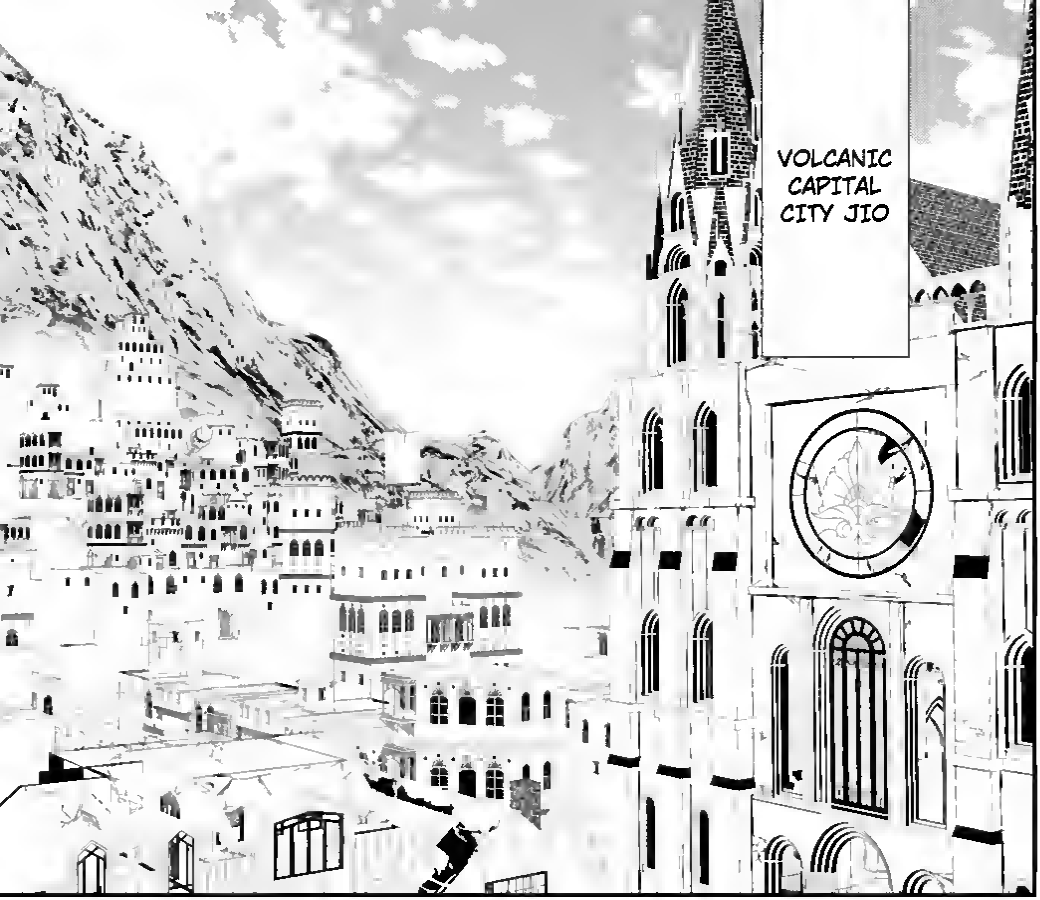
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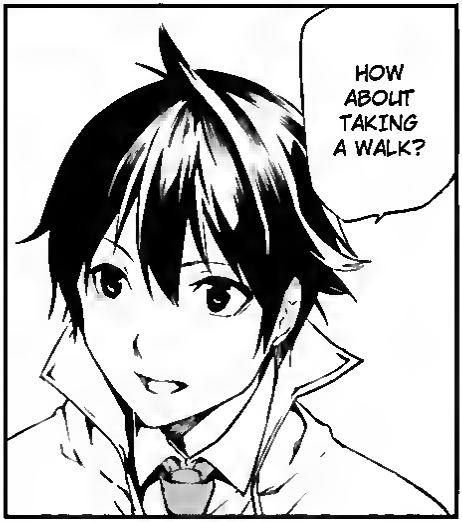
I'M
BORED...

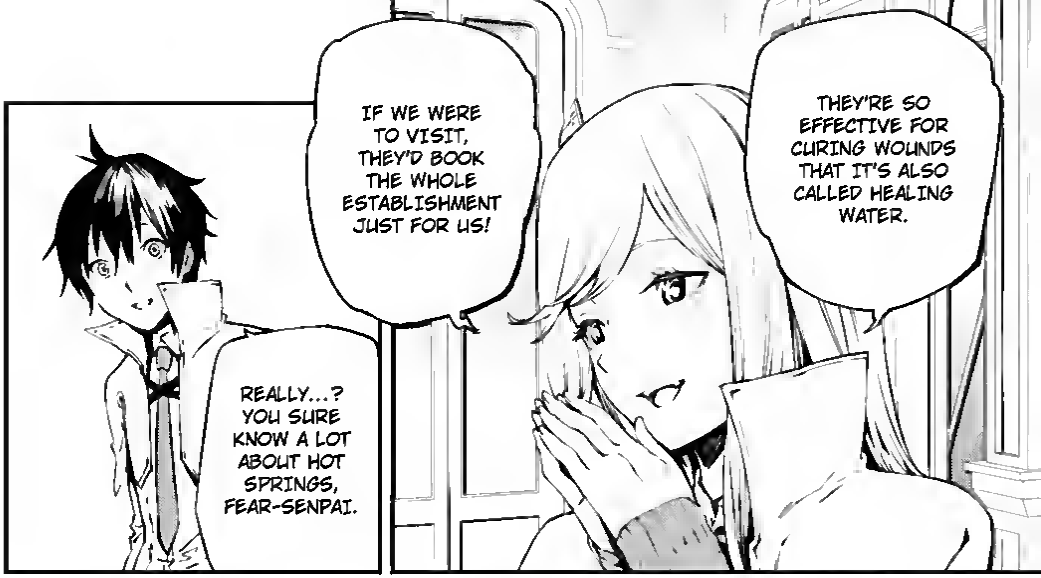
NO CAN DO, I'M TOTALLY TONE-DEAF.
LIKE SINGING.
REN, DO SOMETHING FUNNY.

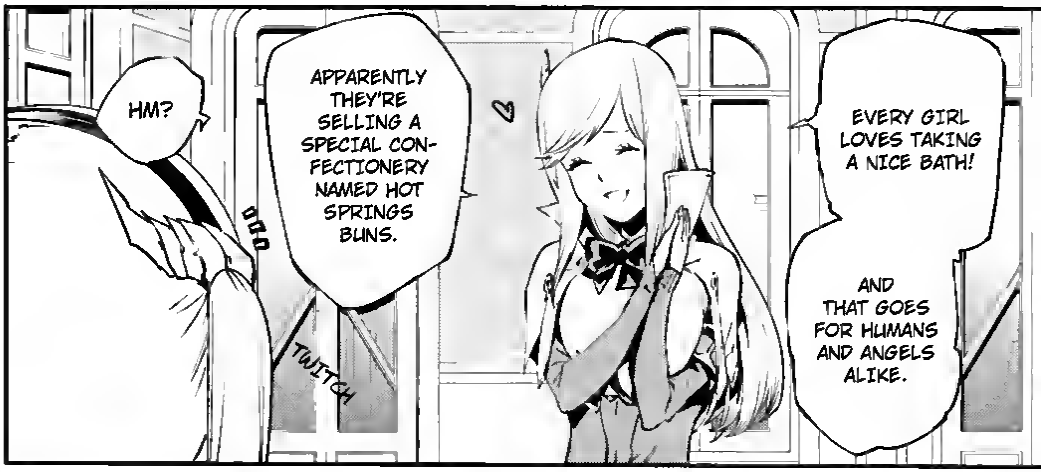
YEAH, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE?
WE'LL BE JUST SURROUNDED BY HUMANS AND CAUSE AN UPROAR.


HOW ABOUT TAKING A WALK?

RIGHT, YOU CAME BACK IMMEDIATELY. WHAT HAPPENED?
A HUGE BUNCH OF PEOPLE CAUGHT ME AND WANTED ME TO GIVE AUTOGRAPHS OR SHAKE THEIR HANDS.
WELL, WE DID JUST FIGHT ACHENDIA,
I DID TRY GOING OUT EARLIER TOO, BUT...

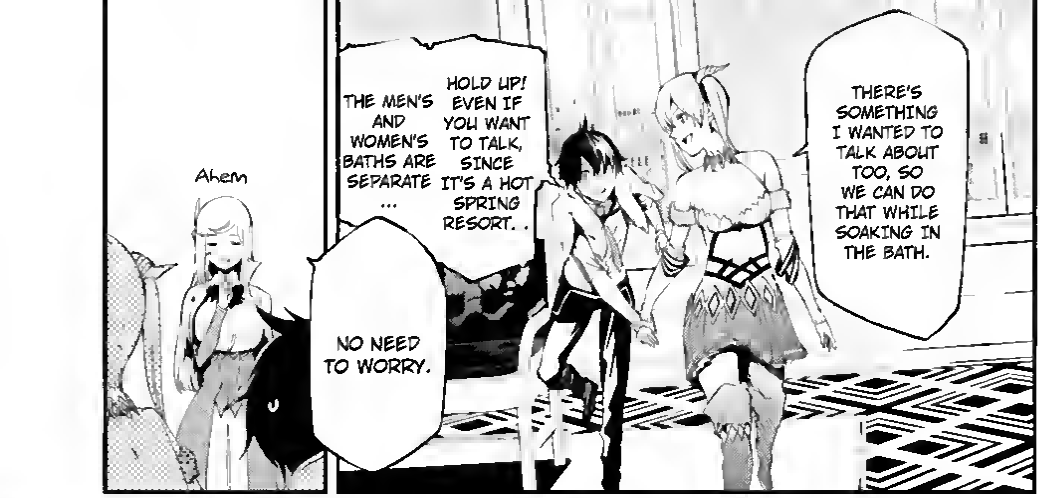
THEY KEPT ASKING IF I WAS RELATED TO ELLINE SOMEHOW...
I JUST WANTED TO ESCAPE.
GIVE UP, IT'S YOUR DESTINY.
EVEN I WAS FOOLED BY HOW MUCH YOU RESEMBLE HIM.
WELL, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL. I'M USED TO IT...
07
WE'RE BACK!
WE'VE FINISHED THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE COMPENSATION FOR DEFEATING ACHENDIA.
INCIDENTALLY...
REN, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO A HOT SPRING RESORT?
HOT SPRING?

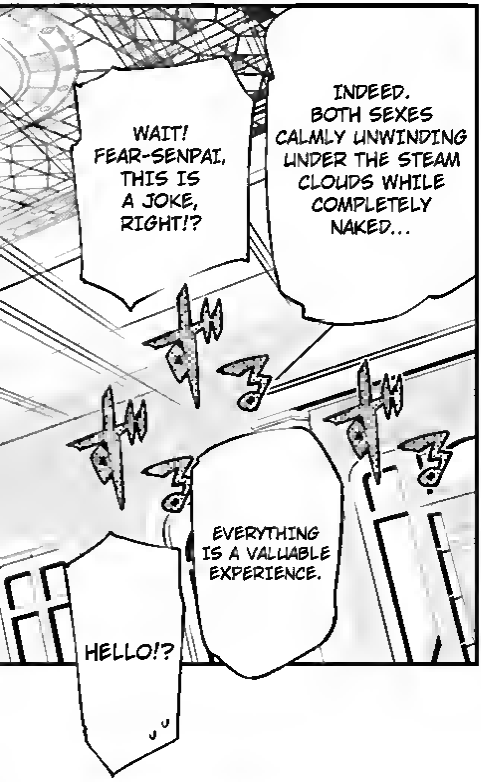

REALLY...? YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT HOT SPRINGS, FEAR-SENPAI.
IF WE WERE TO VISIT, THEY'D BOOK THE WHOLE ESTABLISHMENT JUST FOR US!
THEY'RE SO EFFECTIVE FOR CURING WOUNDS THAT IT'S ALSO CALLED HEALING WATER.


HM?
APPARENTLY THEY'RE SELLING A SPECIAL CONFECTIONERY NAMED HOT SPRINGS BUNS.
TWITCH
EVERY GIRL LOVES TAKING A NICE BATH!
AND THAT GOES FOR HUMANS AND ANGELS ALIKE.

OR

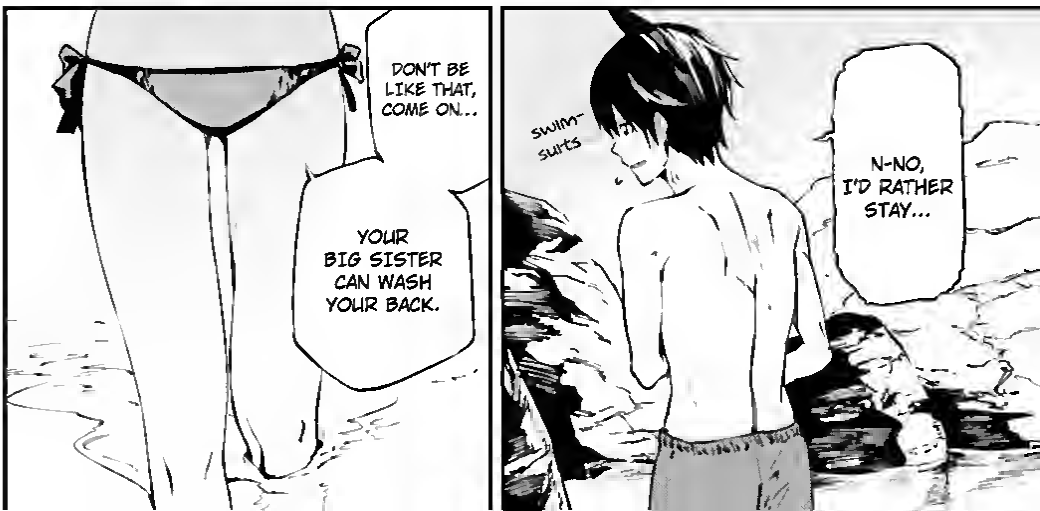
HUH?
LET'S GO, REN!
OH, WE CAN'T MISS THAT.
IT'S FAMOUS FOR ITS PERFECT SWEETNESS, AND SELLS OUT EACH DAY IN AN INSTANT.


Ahem
NO NEED TO WORRY.
THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BATHS ARE SEPARATE ...
HOLD UP! EVEN IF YOU WANT TO TALK, SINCE IT'S A HOT SPRING RESORT. .
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT TOO, SO WE CAN DO THAT WHILE SOAKING IN THE BATH.

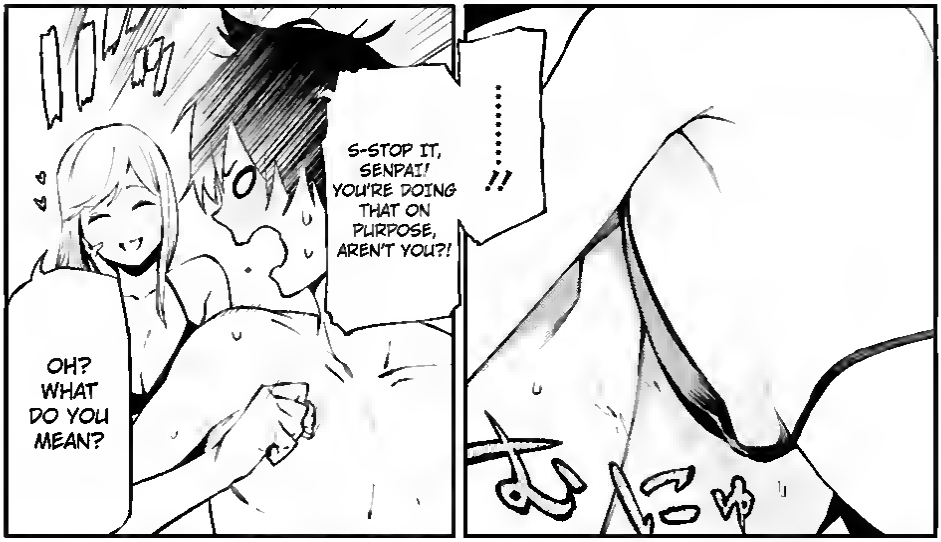

WAIT! FEAR-SENPAI, THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT!?
INDEED. BOTH SEXES CALMLY UNWINDING UNDER THE STEAM CLOUDS WHILE COMPLETELY NAKED...
HELLO!?
EVERYTHING IS A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

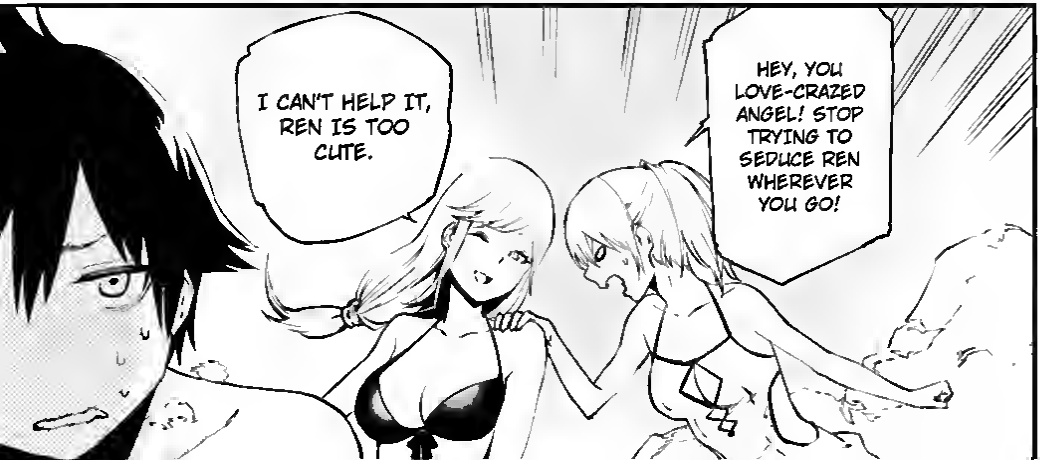
MIXED!?
I'VE RESERVED A MIXED BATH.

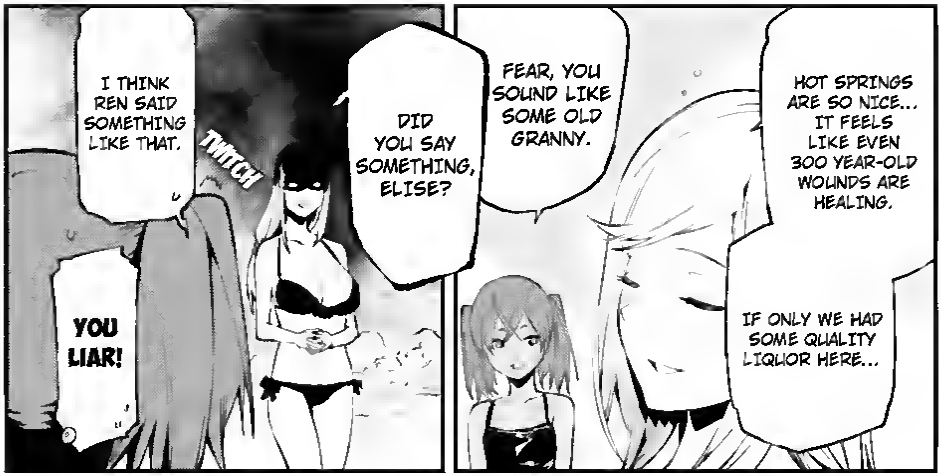
SO SPACIOUS! SO THIS IS AN OPEN HOT SPRING.
COME ON, REN, DON'T JUST HIDE IN THE CORNER! WON'T YOU COME OVER HERE?


N-NO, I'D RATHER STAY...
swim-suits
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, COME ON...
YOUR BIG SISTER CAN WASH YOUR BACK.

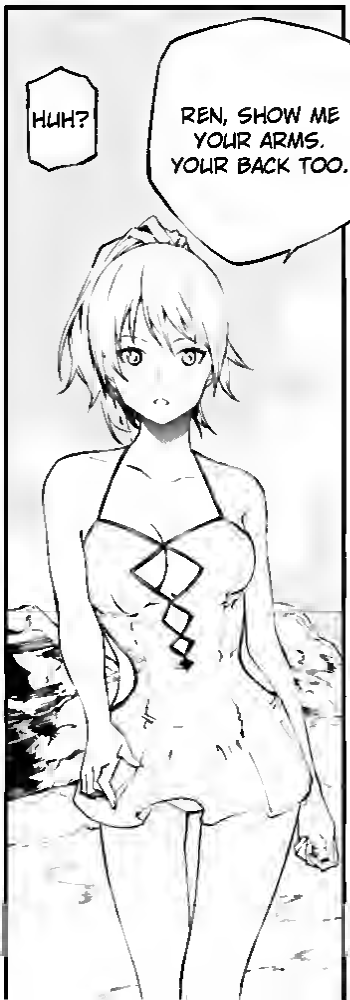
GOTCHA!
FEAR-SENPAI?!


S-STOP IT, SENPAI! YOU'RE DOING THAT ON PURPOSE, AREN'T YOU?!
!!
OH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

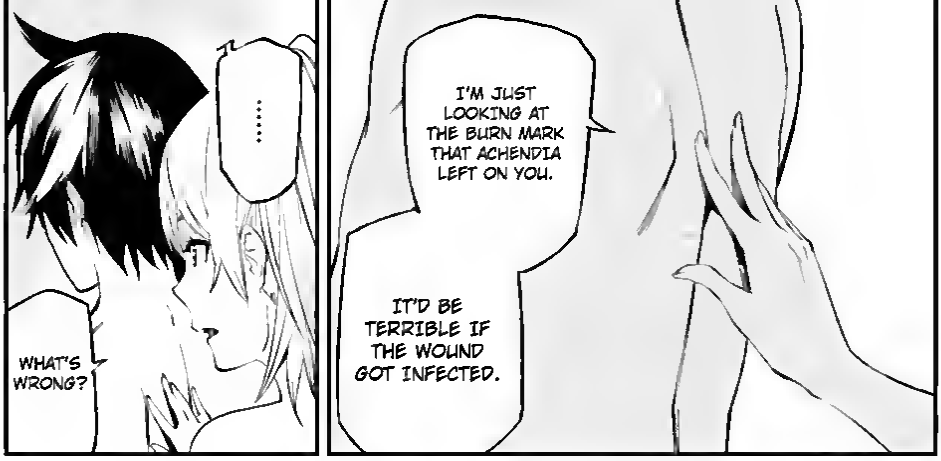

I CAN'T HELP IT, REN IS TOO CUTE.
HEY, YOU LOVE-CRAZED ANGEL! STOP TRYING TO SEDUCE REN WHEREVER YOU GO!


I THINK REN SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
TWITCH
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, ELISE?
YOU LIAR!
FEAR, YOU SOUND LIKE SOME OLD GRANNY.
HOT SPRINGS ARE SO NICE... IT FEELS LIKE EVEN 300 YEAR-OLD WOUNDS ARE HEALING.
IF ONLY WE HAD SOME QUALITY LIQUOR HERE...

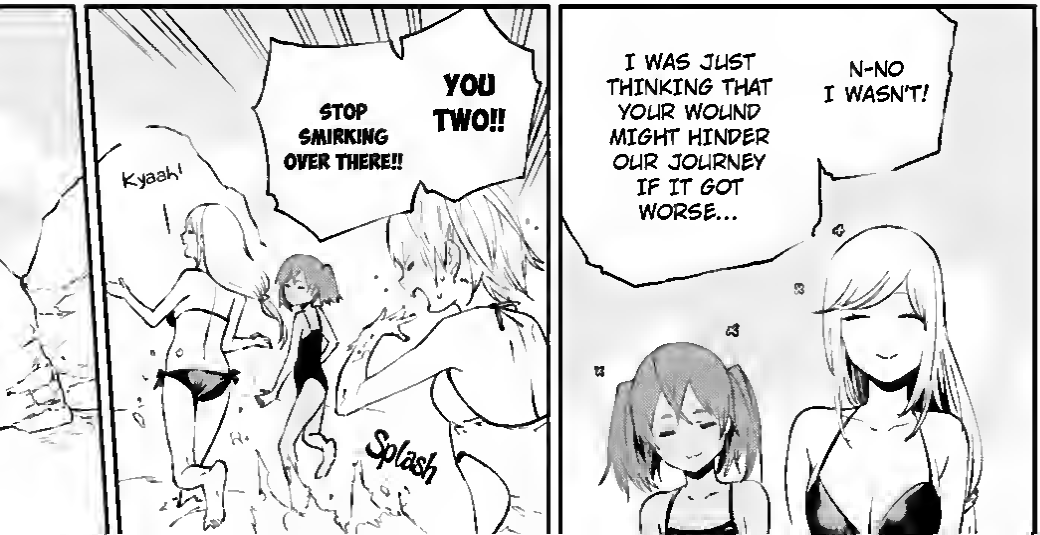
HEY...

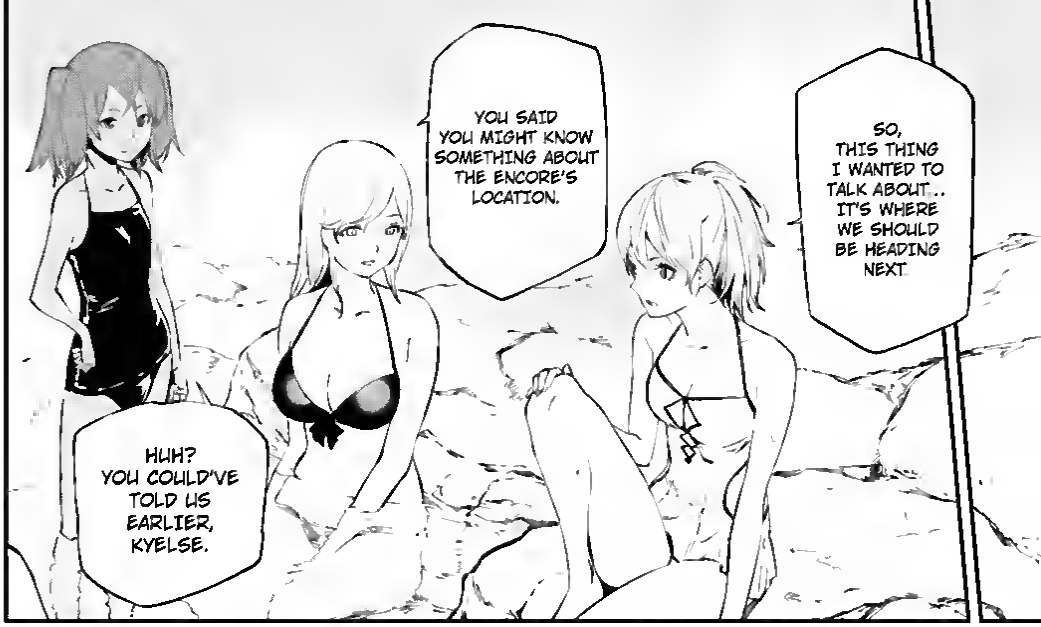

HUH?
REN, SHOW ME YOUR ARMS. YOUR BACK TOO.

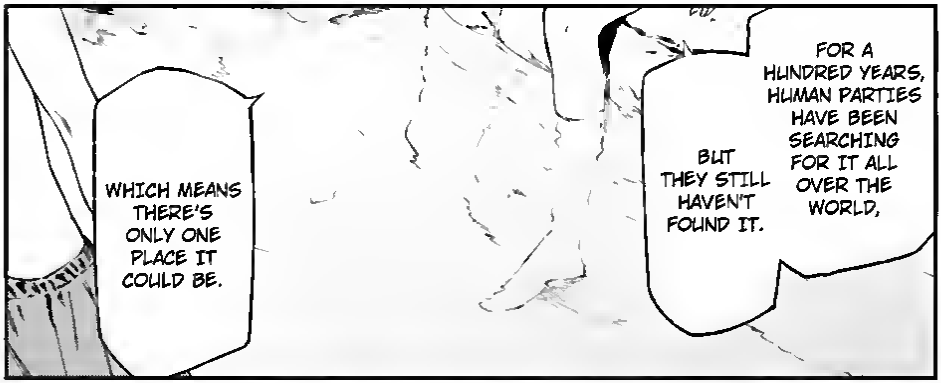
WHAT?
I GUESS I JUST STARTED TO FEEL A BIT EMBARRASSED...


WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
I'M JUST LOOKING AT THE BURN MARK THAT ACHENDIA LEFT ON YOU.
IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF THE WOUND GOT INFECTED.

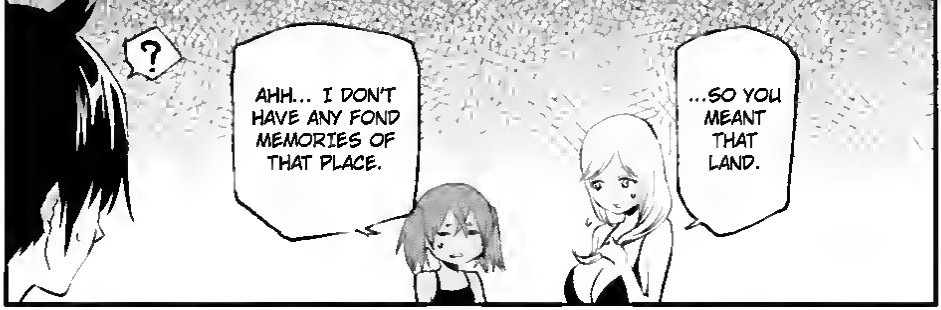
WH?!
SO YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME LIKE THAT... THANK YOU.

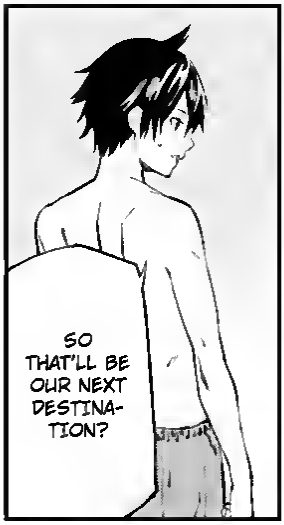

Kyaah!
STOP SMIRKING OVER THERE!!
YOU TWO!!
Splash
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT YOUR WOUND MIGHT HINDER OUR JOURNEY IF IT GOT WORSE...
N-NO I WASN'T!

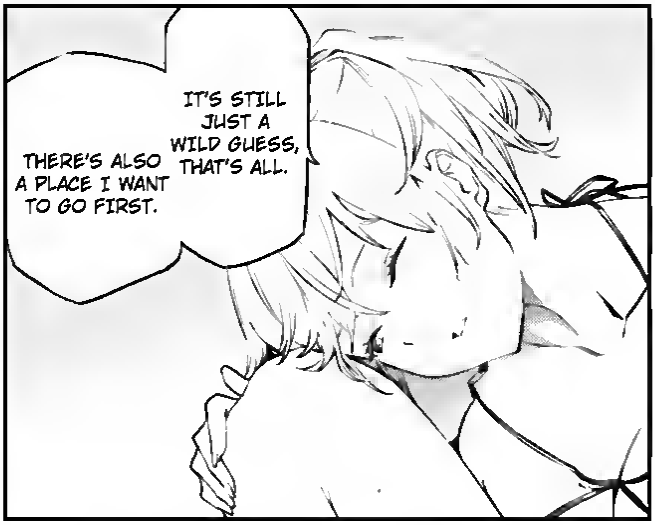

SO, THIS THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT.. IT'S WHERE WE SHOULD BE HEADING NEXT
YOU SAID YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE ENCORE'S LOCATION.
HUH? YOU COULD'VE TOLD US EARLIER, KYELSE.

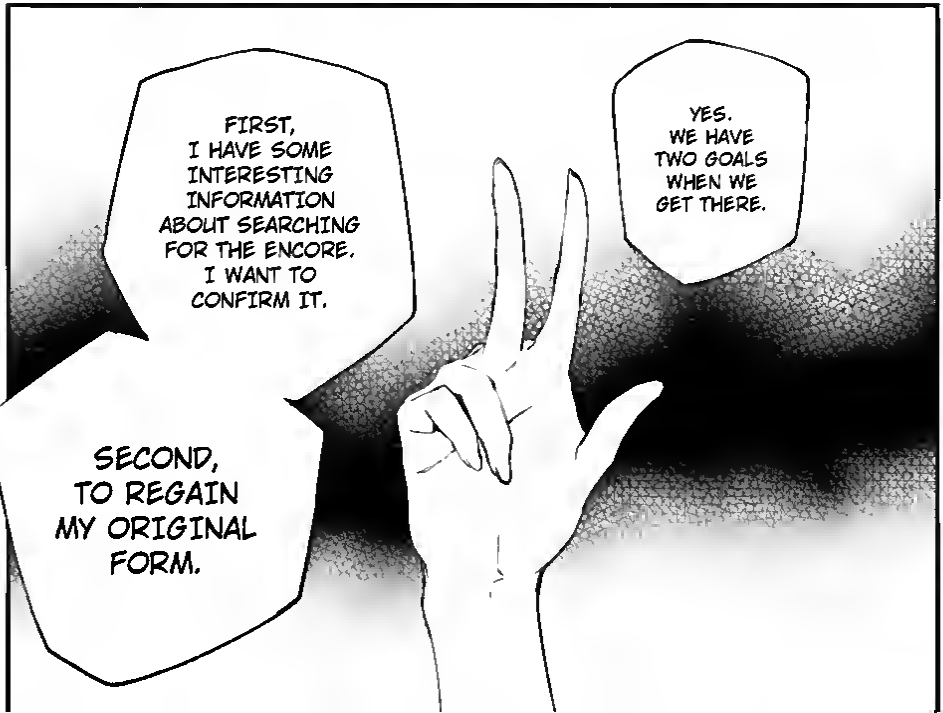

FOR A HUNDRED YEARS, HUMAN PARTIES HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR IT ALL OVER THE WORLD,
BUT THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND IT.
WHICH MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE IT COULD BE.

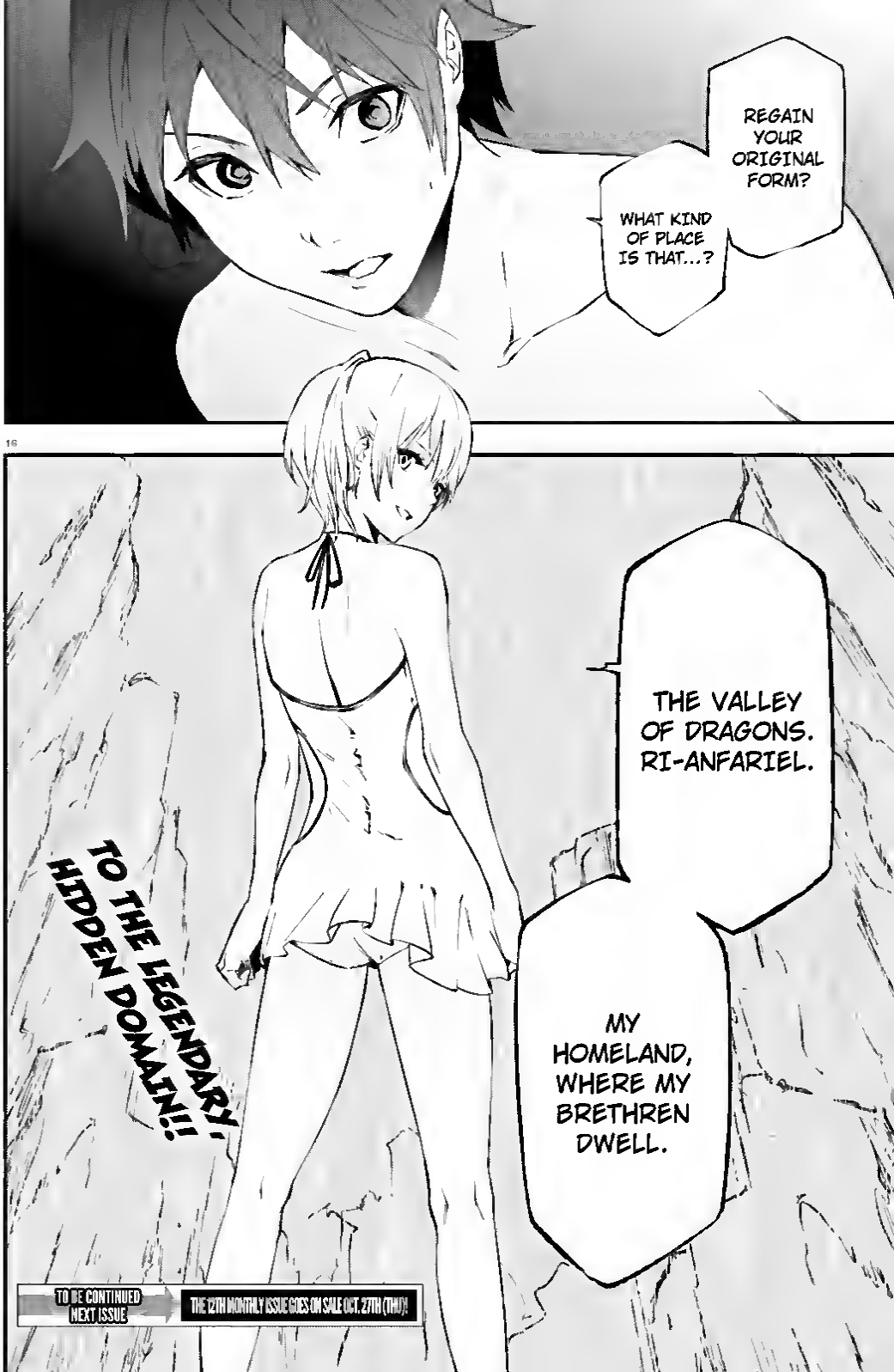
THE ENCORE IS HIDDEN
SOMEWHERE HUMANS CAN'T HAVE ENTERED FOR THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS.


?
AHH... I DON'T HAVE ANY FOND MEMORIES OF THAT PLACE.
...SO YOU MEANT THAT LAND.


SO THAT'LL BE OUR NEXT DESTINA-TION?


IT'S STILL JUST A WILD GUESS, THAT'S ALL.
THERE'S ALSO A PLACE I WANT TO GO FIRST.


FIRST, I HAVE SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT SEARCHING FOR THE ENCORE. I WANT TO CONFIRM IT.
YES. WE HAVE TWO GOALS WHEN WE GET THERE.
SECOND, TO REGAIN MY ORIGINAL FORM.


REGAIN YOUR ORIGINAL FORM?
WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS THAT...?
THE VALLEY OF DRAGONS. RI-ANFARIEL.
MY HOMELAND, WHERE MY BRETHREN DWELL.
TO THE LEGENDARY HIDDEN DOMAIN!!
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